

## MORTON WORKING FOR COLORED VOTES.

Chairman Hackett Has Three State Employees Canvassing the South.

Messrs. Simms, Anderson and Seymour Are on Leave "Without Pay."

THE BARREL HAS BEEN TAPPED.

Palmer's Chances for the Vice-Presidency and His Recent Talk with Foraker Cause Morton's Friends Uneasiness.

The bung of Governor Morton's barrel has been knocked out and the contents are flowing in a golden stream into almost every State in the Union. The canvass that is now in progress in the Governor's interest is to be the most systematic and thorough ante-convention effort that has ever been made.

State employees have been utilized as Morton, Simms, Anderson and Seymour have already gone on the routes marked out for them. Others will soon leave. Among those who have gone are Senate Janitor Caleb A. Simms, State Treasurer Colvin's private secretary, Charles W. Anderson, and C. J. Seymour, clerk of the Assembly Committee on Revision. All three are in the South. Mr. Simms is working the Carolinas and Georgia, while Mr. Anderson is looking after Mississippi and Louisiana. Mr. Seymour has been assigned the task of returning Morton delegates from Florida.

Messrs. Simms and Anderson are colored politicians, who are esteemed as men of great influence among their race. Both are born orators. Mr. Seymour has been active in Republican politics for years, but this is the most important duty he has yet performed. He has written campaign songs, and is said to sing them with electrifying effect on Southern audiences. These State employees were dispatched on their various roads by State Chairman Hackett, who has charge of Mr. Morton's canvass.

Mr. Hackett arranged with their respective superiors for leaves of absence, and each was given a vacation "without pay." Some State officers suggested that the persons required for Mr. Hackett's purposes could continue on the pay roll while they were away, to which suggestion Mr. Hackett is said to have replied: "HACKETT IS JUDICIOUS."

"No, I won't be caught in any game like that. The newspapers will learn of this, and I don't care to have them say that Morton missionaries are working politics during time for which they are paid by the State."

The Morton boom is being pushed in every State except Ohio, Maine and Iowa. Those States are excepted for the alleged unusual reason that Governor Morton's sense of courtesy will not permit him to deprecate in States where other Presidential candidates live.

"Under no circumstances," said a friend of the Governor recently, "would Mr. Morton permit his political agents to invade a State in which another candidate for the Presidential nomination lives. He regards a canvass as an entirely proper and legitimate function, but draws the line in trying to capture a rival candidate's State. You can put it down as a fact that there are no paid emissaries in Maine, Ohio or Iowa. When convention time arrives he wants to occupy an honorable position, which will preclude any talk of 'dirty politics,' 'chicanery' or 'trickery.'"

To the surprise of everybody in the Capitol, Secretary of State Palmer, it is reported, did not call on Governor Morton yesterday. Such a visit, it is thought, would have been in order, had the Secretary seen Senator Foraker, with whom he rode West, in the Governor's interest.

PALMER'S TALK WITH FORAKER. "I have known the Senator for twenty-five years," said Secretary Palmer, "and when we met it was not strange that the conversation drifted into political channels. I did not talk about my alleged candidacy for the Republican Vice-Presidential nomination. I talked to the Senator about Mayor McKinley, and Senator Foraker said: 'John, I'm as sincerely for McKinley as you are for Morton.'"

Friends of the Governor who heard this last statement drew very faces, and one remarked, thoughtfully: "I wonder whom Foraker and Palmer are really for?"

It is clear to everybody that Secretary Palmer's alleged ambition conflicts with Governor Morton's. Mr. Palmer could not be a Vice-Presidential candidate unless the head of the ticket were a Western man, and in the same way Governor Morton's nomination would prevent the consideration of Secretary Palmer's name.

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LODGE TO AMEND THE BILL.

The Senator Changes the Text of His Fortifications Bond Measure.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Senator Lodge has changed the text of his Fortifications Bond bill in some respects and will offer it as an amendment to the House Bond bill when that measure reaches the voting stage in the Senate.

The proposed amendment provides that the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to issue bonds to the total amount of \$100,000,000, at such times and in such amounts as may be required. Said bonds shall be payable in coin twenty years from the date of their issue. They shall be offered at par to the people in denominations ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 with 3 per cent interest.

The sum of \$3,000,000 shall be annually aside from the revenue of the Government for a sinking fund to pay the bonds, and the \$3,000,000 thus annually appropriated shall take precedence of all other appropriations, except those for the sinking fund and for the payment of the principal and interest of the public debt. The bonds authorized by this act shall constitute a loan to be known as the "Coast Defense Loan," and the proceeds shall be kept in the Treasury as a fund apart, and shall be used only for providing for the defense of the sea coasts and lakes of the United States and for the manufacture of guns, the purchase of sites and the erection of forts and batteries.

Brewer Doelger's Will Filed. Louise Doelger, widow of the late brewer, Jacob Doelger, whose will was filed for probate yesterday, inherits one-third of the estate of \$250,000, the other two-thirds going to the testator's son and daughter, Joseph and Louise Doelger. Mrs. Doelger and Peter Doelger, Jr., a cousin of the deceased, are named as executors. The will was executed January 15 of the current year.

## NO CORNET; NO CHURCH.

Young Members of Calvary Say That if Pretty Georgie Park Must Stop Playing They Will Leave.

There is a nice storm brewing in the fashionable Calvary M. E. Church, corner of Seventh avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street. There is probably not another place of worship in Harlem as popular with the younger element as Calvary. One of the features of the services is the excellent cornet playing of Miss Georgie Park, who has picked her lips at the mouthpiece of her handsome silver instrument there for the past couple of years. Through no fault of her own Miss Park is the innocent cause of the miniature tornado now agitating the members of the congregation. Miss Park is a handsome young lady, with a superb figure and pretty face. She has a charming manner, which has made her one of the most popular young ladies connected with the church. Two weeks ago the Official Board of the church, of which W. Frank Bradley is secretary, voted to continue Miss Park's services through the current year at a salary of \$200 and "extras." The one hundred members of the Board agreed to this unanimously. Miss Park was complimented by the vote and satisfied with the salary.

When the annual appeal was made to the three thousand members of the church it was discovered that some five hundred failed to respond and make good their promise. Youngs meant to drop \$5,000 in the church income. Financial Secretary Frank M. Curtis sent out an extra-earnest private appeal, but without effect, and now retrenchment is the order of the day. It must be done away with. The younger members, however, objected. They decided to stay away if their favorite is disposed.

At a meeting of the church on Wednesday night, Jan. 27, the matter was discussed. The result of the vote was that the church is to stay away from the church if the salary of Miss Park is not reduced to \$100. The church is to stay away from the church if the salary of Miss Park is not reduced to \$100.

The older members of the church are at a loss to know the reason for the falling out in the membership. Some of the absentees say it is on account of the constant demands on their pockets. The church guaranteed an expense fund of \$17,000, but in addition to this, they say, continually increased to pay more for all kinds of objects.

RETORT FROM B. FAY MILLS.

Says He Meant Just What He Said Respecting Trinity Church Tenements.

New Haven, Jan. 27.—The reply of Colonel S. Van Rensselaer Cruger, published in the Journal to-day, to the attack made by the Rev. B. Fay Mills upon the management of Trinity Church tenement property, in which the colonel charged that the Rev. Mr. Cruger had been guilty of "gross mismanagement," was shown to the evangelist this afternoon. After reading it he said:

"Notwithstanding Colonel Cruger's statement, I still adhere to my utterance regarding Trinity Church, though I wish to say I did not make this statement with regard to human habitation, was shown to the evangelist this afternoon. After reading it he said:

"I am perfectly willing to make it in New Haven or New York, but I do not wish to make it in a Trinity congregation in Trinity Church. I certainly am the author of that utterance and I fully stand behind it. While it is not my purpose to court cheap notoriety, yet I believe the truth should be told, and I consider my statement with regard to Trinity Church as true, notwithstanding the denials published from the Rev. Morgan Dix or Colonel Cruger. The evangelist's statement seemed to offer at the time when the matter was notorious in the courts, was the Trinity Corporation, a society independent of the church, so far as its business relations extended, being governed by purely business principles. I allow my utterances to stand exactly as printed in the Journal, and I mean just what I said, and I make this statement again after having read the denials as published in the Journal."

ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

Herman Nager, a Newark Steamship Agent, Charged with Taking \$300.

Herman Nager, who while running a steamship ticket agency and money order and draft office in Newark, N. J., is alleged, received many customers who gave him money to forward to friends in Europe, was arraigned yesterday and pleaded not guilty to embezzling \$300 entrusted to his care by Mrs. Theresa Split.

He was placed under \$300 bail for trial on Thursday. He had kept out of sight for several weeks.

A Clearing House for Cotton.

Arrangements were made yesterday at a meeting of members of the Cotton Exchange for the establishment of a clearing house. The scheme, as outlined by President Siedewitz, provides that clearance sheets shall be handed in the Clearing House Bank each day at noon, and that checks for balances must be ready at 2 p. m. All such payments will be subject to a discount of six per cent a year, and failure to file clearance sheets at noon will be punished by a fine of \$5. A vote on the scheme will be had on Wednesday.

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## WHAT REFORMERS SAY OF THOMAS C. PLATT.

Also Some Denunciation of Parkhurst by the Lieutenant of the "Easy Boss," Edward Lauterbach.

By the Union League Leader.

Mr. Platt has made statements in his interview that no body better than he knows to be untrue. Mr. Platt has been a bolter and an exponent of the rule or ruin policy ever since I have known of him. He bolted from Garfield, from Arthur, from Conkling and from Harrison, and finally from the organization in this city when it was rehabilitated by the Committee of Thirty. He was not personally a member of that organization and had no right to interfere, as he is not a voter in this city, although he had his henchmen in the body, and he opposed the Committee of Thirty to the utmost extent of his power, and was only prevented from breaking up the party in this city by the shrewd members of the State Committee calling a halt. This surrender, however, was only for a moment. He fastened on the city organization again when the Republican party had joined heartily in the campaign of the Committee of Seventy, which redeemed this city from Tammany misrule, intending to control, through the machine, the patronage of the Strong administration. Failing in this, he bolted again, in connection with members whose only desire was to possess the spoils of office. He and his friends have persistently pursued the rule or ruin policy ever since, and have finally reached the climax in the endorsement and primaries lately held, which have proved beyond question to be largely fraudulent. It may be that Republicans will submit to the rule of this man and his County Committee. They would have the public think that every one who opposes their demands is a bolter and a slinger. But whatever comes of the matter, the result of the doings of these men, Mr. Platt will be responsible. Mr. Morton's candidacy is popular, so far as his own personality goes—but if to advocate Mr. Morton's nomination is to adopt Mr. Platt as leader and sole dictator of the Republican party in this State, many of Mr. Morton's best friends will hesitate to commit themselves to the enterprise.

CORNELIUS N. BLISS.

By the Chairman of the County Committee.

I am not at all surprised, for I knew it must come sooner or later. The only wonder is that it has lasted so long. The Big Head has exploded, filling the nostrils of the community with an unwholesome stench. It has been a most remarkable case of Big Head, too; the greatest on record, and attended by certain features that give it a unique place in the annals of moral ethics. I do not know whether Dr. Parkhurst is a Republican or a Democrat. He has declared he is neither. He contends he always takes the broad ground on all public questions. He has, however, entered into a factional fight, siding with a man who has done more to wreck the Republican party in this State than any other influence in recent years. I sympathize with Dr. Parkhurst. The disease with which he has been afflicted was of the virulent and most stubborn type. It increased day by day, and assumed such a phase that the man became practically bereft of his reason. His own vanity crowded out all other faculties, and his eyes saw nothing that was flawless save himself. And so the Big Head grew and grew, until it finally burst, showing that there was nothing in it but foul odors. The Doctor has accomplished something. In his midnight pursuits he brought confusion to "Sunbeam" Irving, a nice but misdirected young man, and woe to more or less persons in the community. The Doctor has done some good, I admit, but that good has been stifled and negated by his inordinate vanity. But that is all over now. The Big Head is no more. Its ending is the first of its kind on record, and the Doctor must go down to history in furnishing a physical phenomenon unparalleled in his day.

EDWARD LAUTERBACH.

## STRONG OFFERS REWARDS.

Will Pay Mr. Platt \$1,500 to Substantiate Statements He Has Made.

Mayor William L. Strong: Mr. Platt's statement contains the following paragraph:

"The conduct of the chiefs of the present reform administration has been a thousand times more disgraceful than any of the known transactions of Tammany Hall."

The author of the above expression did not make the statement unless he thought it was true, and the Mayor of New York will give \$500 for any authentic information that will prove a case of bribery and corruption having been committed by any one of his appointees, or the subordination of these appointees. I quote again from Mr. Platt:

"It is no secret that positions with salaries of thousands of dollars a year have been offered to Republican leaders to betray the organization."

The Mayor of New York City will give \$500 for any well authenticated case substantiating the above statement. Mr. Platt says:

"Neither is it a secret that men who obtained places as threatened with dismissal, or have been dismissed, when they failed to obey the orders of the bolting boss."

The Mayor will give \$500 to any one who will establish the fact that an employee of the city government has been dismissed, or threatened with dismissal, by any of the Commissioners, if he did not comply with the orders of the bolting boss.

The people are the best judges as to whether honest methods of administration have been introduced into the city government, and as to whether the principles of former years have been eliminated or not. In the appointments of this administration I have merely followed out the directions of the platform upon which I was elected, which was the platform adopted by the Republican Nominating County Convention, and which instructed me to conduct the city's affairs upon business principles, regardless of other considerations.

Chairman Edward Lauterbach, of the Republican County Committee, was informed last night of Mayor Strong's offers of rewards. He said: "It will probably require two or three days to furnish all the evidence, for there are a number of cases that have been called to the attention of the organization. Whether or not the evidence will be satisfactory to Mayor Strong—that is, satisfactory enough to obtain the money—I don't know, but I am certain it will satisfy most people."

This administration is specially directed by the people to enforce a government of strict integrity and honesty, and to free the city and its departments from corruption of all kinds, and I will welcome any information concerning any of the above statements in reference to dishonesty in any department of the city of any kind wherever shown, so that it may be at once stopped.

Among those holding office under the present administration are Commissioners Walls, of the Tax Department; Mr. Einstein, of the Dock Department; Colonel Grant, of the Police Department; Mr. Plimley, Commissioner of Jurors; George Wannmaker, in a responsible position in the Department of Public Charities; Mr. Mr. Bullock, in the Park Avenue Improvement Commission; Mr. Hamilton, in the Subway Board, and Mr. Healy, in the Mayor's Marshal's Office, who are supposed to sympathize with the majority element of the County Committee, and who can give personal evidence of the entire independence with which they

have been at liberty to act, and who are as much respected by me as any of the other Commissioners, and they all will cheerfully, I have no doubt, bear witness that they have never once been consulted as to any position they should take in their public appointments.

Personally, I have taken no active part in the questions of difference between the two factions in the Republican County Committee. From the start to the present moment I have refrained from taking such part, and in no single instance, by statement or suggestion, have I ever intimated to any man that he should act with either faction. There is no Republican in the city of New York who has called at the Mayor's office who has received from me an intimation that he should act with either of these factions, and this applies as well to the Democratic factions that united with the Republicans in the election of 1894.

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